



# ARCH KLUMPH NEWSLETTER



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## A new year dawns ... a new challenge arises ...

As we enter the new Rotary year, it's a time for reflection and celebrating achievements; it's also a time to look forward and set our goals for 2018-19.

Clubs should have already set goals for this year. If not, now is the time; otherwise the District will assume a goal of USD100 per Rotarian.

This year, some Clubs failed to support the Foundation. Was this an oversight or an intentional decision? The Foundation is our only Rotary charity. If we are not prepared to support it, how can we ask philanthropic organisations such as The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to support us?

Did you as an individual Rotarian support the Foundation? If not, consider making the Foundation one of your charities of choice. Maybe make a regular donation; say \$10 each month. That's only two coffees and at year's end you too will be a Centurion!

### How else can you support the Foundation?

A **Sustaining Member** gives USD100 each year.

A **Paul Harris Fellow** gives USD1000.

A **Paul Harris Society** member gives USD1000 each year

A **Major Donor** has contributed a total of at least USD10,000.

And because you can't take it with you, consider becoming:

a **Benefactor** by bequeathing between USD1000 and USD9999, or

a **Bequest Society** member by bequeathing a minimum of USD10,000.

**This year take the challenge and become a Foundation supporter.**

## So, how did we end up?

Contributions to the Annual Fund were USD131,759 (-7.7%)

Our per capita giving (based on the Annual Fund) was USD101.35 (-6.1%)

PolioPlus realised USD74,508 (-12.6%)

### The top three Clubs contributing overall, on a per capita basis, were:

1. Belconnen
2. Canberra East
3. Batemans Bay

### The top three Clubs contributing to the Annual Fund, on a per capita basis, were:

1. Belconnen
2. Batemans Bay
3. Berry

### The top three Clubs contributing to PolioPlus, on a per capita basis, were:

1. Batemans Bay
2. Belconnen
3. Gungahlin

### Of the District's 45 Clubs, 31 achieved the target of at least USD100 per member, based on total giving:

Aurora Gungahlin  
Batemans Bay  
Bega  
Belconnen  
Berry  
Bomaderry  
Bowral Mittagong  
Canberra  
Canberra Burley Griffin  
Canberra City  
Canberra East



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Canberra North  
 Canberra Sunrise  
 Canberra Weston Creek  
 Cooma  
 E-Club of Brindabella  
 Gerringong Sunrise  
 Ginninderra  
 Goulburn Argyle  
 Goulburn Mulwaree  
 Goulburn  
 Gungahlin  
 Hall  
 Jerrabomberra  
 Merimbula  
 Moruya  
 Narooma  
 Pambula  
 Tumut  
 Woden  
 Woden Daybreak

Bowral Mittagong 2  
 Canberra City 25  
 Canberra North 1  
 Canberra Sunrise 31  
 Canberra Weston Creek 8  
 Cooma 22  
 e-Club of Brindabella 7  
 Ginninderra 5  
 Gerringong Sunrise 8  
 Goulburn 5  
 Goulburn Mulwaree 24  
 Hall 1  
 Moruya 21  
 Pambula 6  
 Tumut 17  
 Woden 2  
 Woden Daybreak 1

#### Other significant Foundation contributions (previous year's achievement in brackets)

EREY (USD2+)	394	(519)
Paul Harris Fellows	117	(157)
Paul Harris Society	20	(20)
Major Donors	15	(12)
Benefactors	100	(103)
Bequest Society	15	(6)

**Tuggeranong** had 100% of members contribute ... an outstanding effort.

**2 (13) Clubs** did not give to the Annual Fund

**8 (4) Clubs** did not give to PolioPlus

**2 (4) Clubs** did not give to the Foundation

Four Clubs donated to the **Endowment Fund**

#### Centurions

**Of the District's 45 Clubs, 23 (28) had Centurions during the year. There were 276 (325) Centurions.**

Batemans Bay	5
Batlow	17
Belconnen	13
Berrima District	20
Berry	22
Bomaderry	13

### Centurion Program

#### How can you become a Rotary Foundation Centurion?

All it takes is a commitment to donate \$100 to the Foundation each year. You know, that's less than a cup of coffee a week!

To make it easy to be a Centurion, the District makes available Centurion money collectors at no cost; each collector will hold exactly \$100 in \$2 coins. If you add a coin each week you go to Rotary, you will be a Centurion in 50 weeks. If you add the odd

extra coin, the time will be even shorter. Take the completed collector to your Club Treasurer ... it's that simple! Then you can start a new collector.

New stocks of collectors have arrived, so get your Club involved now.

For more information, see your Club's Foundation Director.



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## Rotary's Disaster Relief Partner— ShelterBox—nominated for Nobel Peace Prize

ShelterBox has been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize, in recognition of its humanitarian efforts in areas of extreme conflict, reflecting the Rotary Foundation's focus on promoting peace, one of its Six Areas of Focus. ShelterBox is honoured to receive this nomination, which is a great acknowledgment that ShelterBox provides much more than material aid—it provides the foundation for recovery and the stability needed for peace, one family at a time.



As one of Rotary International's longest established partnerships, this nomination is an example of ShelterBox supporting our Foundation's efforts in promoting peace and conflict resolution. In his recommendation letter in support of the Nobel Peace Prize Nomination, Rotary International President Ian Riseley provided a testimonial for ShelterBox, saying, "ShelterBox is our preferred source of emergency relief of its kind, and we greatly value our partnership. Rotary and ShelterBox have worked together for more than 15 years, providing emergency shelter after disasters in all parts of the world."

The goal of ShelterBox is to keep families and communities together in crisis situations, providing emergency shelter and life-saving supplies to people forcibly displaced from their homes. In 2017 alone, ShelterBox provided aid to families affected by conflict in Syria, Iraq, Cameroon, Chad, Niger, Afghanistan, and Bangladesh.

While many think of ShelterBox after natural disasters, its longest response has been in Syria. Since 2012, ShelterBox has provided critically needed shelter and emergency supplies in what is described as the worst humanitarian crisis of our generation.

The Nobel Peace Prize will be announced in October.



*The Editor declares an interest. He is the Chair of ShelterBox Australia*

## Rotary works to alleviate refugee crisis Rotary members have changed the lives of thousands of refugees

By Ryan Hyland, Rotary International

The statistics are staggering. More than 28,000 people are uprooted from their homes each day as a result of war, oppression, and poverty. That's nearly 20 people per minute.

By the end of 2016, an unprecedented 68.5 million people, from West Africa to South Asia, have been forcibly displaced, making it the world's worst migrant crisis in history.

The Rotaract Club of Nakivale, Uganda, helps provide refugees with sugar, soap, and clothes.



The wave of migrants and refugees has overwhelmed the international community, putting a particular strain on neighbouring countries and Europe. Turkey hosts the largest number of refugees with nearly 3 million. Pakistan is second. Germany is the only high-income country in the top ten host nations, with about 700,000 refugees and asylum-seekers.

The seven-year war in Syria has been the biggest driver of the refugee crisis, with millions fleeing the country since the conflict began in 2011.

A shockingly high percent of the world's displaced are children. More than half the refugees are under age 18.

Rotary clubs are doing their part to help alleviate the global refugee crisis with projects that help bring water and health care to refugee camps, funds for families to move to safer countries, and more. Over the last several years, clubs and districts have used roughly \$3 million of global grant funds toward refugee-related projects and scholarships.

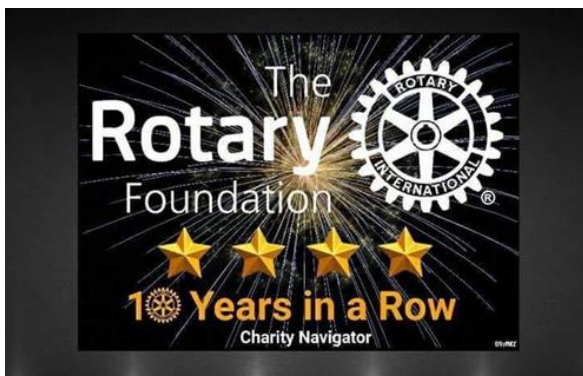
On World Refugee Day, held every year on 20 June, people worldwide salute the strength, courage, and contributions of refugees who abandon their homes in a desperate search for safety.



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Here's a sample of how Rotary members have changed the lives of thousands of refugees:

- In Nova Scotia, Canada, the Rotary Club of Amherst brought two families from war-torn Syria to their country, where the refugees are starting a new life. The club galvanized other community groups to help the families assimilate with the town and culture. The Rotary Club of Merritt, British Columbia, also pooled resources to bring a family from Syria to Canada.
- The Rotaract Club of Nakivale, Uganda, is raising funds to help residents of a huge refugee settlement start their own businesses. The club, based inside the settlement, also provided refugees with sugar, soap, and clothes.
- Rotary member Pia Skarabis-Querfeld, a physician in Germany, built a network of volunteer doctors to help thousands of refugees who have streamed into Berlin, Germany. In 2015, during the peak of the refugee influx into Germany, her nonprofit, Medizin Hilft, had more than 100 volunteers at its clinic. Her club, the Rotary Club of Berlin-Teirgarten, sponsored a Rotary global grant of \$160,000 to fund the project through March 2018. Also in Germany, the Rotary Club of Lemgo-Sternberg, provided resources to train 60 volunteers to teach German to about 600 refugees.
- Rotary Districts 2452 in Lebanon and 6560 in Indiana, USA, helped provide lifesaving heart surgeries for 32 Lebanese children and 10 Syrian refugee children. The district used a \$185,000 global grant to fund the procedures.
- The Rotary Club of Kigali-Virunga, Rwanda, collaborated with members from the Rotary Club of Dortmund, Germany, to provide wells to a refugee camp in Gahara Sector, Rwanda.
- Rotary members in Seoul, Korea, and Taipei, Taiwan, are using an \$89,000 global grant to provide ear, nose, and throat diagnostic equipment for the Raphael Clinic in Seoul to treat North Korean refugees.



## The world without vaccines

Credit: [polioeradication.org](http://polioeradication.org)

Let's take a few moments to remember what our world really looked like before vaccines.



Fear of paralysis, severe illness, or death from polio and smallpox was a very real and pervasive reality for people worldwide within living memory.

In 1977, the world was close to finally being smallpox free. The number of people infected had dwindled to only one man; a young hospital cook and health worker from Merca, Somalia named Ali Maaow Malin. Before Ali, smallpox had affected the human population for three millennia, infecting the young, the old, the rich, the poor, the weak and the resilient.

Spread by a cough or sneeze, smallpox caused deadly rashes, lesions, high fevers and painful headaches – and killed up to 30% of its victims, while leaving some of its survivors blind or disfigured.

An estimated 300 million people died from smallpox in the 20th century alone, and more than half a million died every year before the launch of the global eradication programme.

### The power of a vaccine

Between 1967 and 1980, intensified global efforts to protect every child reduced cases of smallpox and increased global population immunity. Following Ali's infection, the World Health Organization carefully monitored him and his contacts for two years, whilst maintaining high community vaccination rates to ensure that no more infection occurred. Three years later, smallpox was officially declared the first disease to be



eradicated. This was a breakthrough unlike any other – the first time humans had definitively beaten a disease.

But smallpox wasn't the only deadly virus around. On March 26, 1953, Dr Jonas Salk announced that he had developed the first effective vaccine against polio. This news rippled quickly across the globe, leaving millions optimistic for an end to the debilitating virus. Polio, like smallpox, was feared by communities worldwide. The virus attacks the nervous system and causes varying degrees of paralysis, and sometimes even death. Treatments were limited to painful physiotherapy or contraptions like the "iron lung," which helped patients breathe if their lungs were affected.



Thanks to a safe, effective vaccine, children were finally able to gain protection from infection. In 1961, Albert Sabin pioneered the more easily administered oral polio vaccine, and in 1988, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative was launched, with the aim of reaching every child worldwide with polio vaccines. Today, more than 17 million people are walking, who would otherwise have been paralysed. There remain only two countries – Afghanistan and Pakistan – where the poliovirus continues to paralyze children. We are close to full eradication of the virus – in Pakistan cases have dropped from 35,000 each year to only eight in 2017. Since there is no cure for polio, the infection can only be prevented through vaccinations. The polio vaccine, given multiple times, protects a child for life.

#### Better health for all

Thanks to vaccines, the broader global disease burden has dropped drastically, with an estimated 2.5 million lives saved every year from diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), and measles. This has contributed to a reduction in child mortality by more than half since 1990. Thanks to an integrated approach to health, multiple childhood illnesses have also been prevented through the

systematic administration of vitamin A drops during polio immunisation activities.

Moreover, good health permeates into societies, communities, countries and beyond – some research suggesting that every dollar spent vaccinating yields an estimated US\$ 44 in economic returns, by ensuring children grow up healthy and are able to reach their full potential.

Ali Maaow Malin, the last known man with smallpox, eventually made a full recovery. A lifelong advocate for vaccination, Ali went on to support polio eradication efforts – using vaccines to support better health for countless people.

**Without the life changing impact of vaccines, our world would be a very different place indeed.**

### Update on suspected polio case in Venezuela

Following unconfirmed reports on 8 June of suspected polio re-emergence in Venezuela, final laboratory testing has confirmed the cause of the paralysis is not wild poliovirus or vaccine-derived poliovirus.

A 34-month old child had presented with symptoms of acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) on 29 April, from a community with low vaccination coverage in Orinoco delta, Delta Amacuro state.

A Sabin type 3 poliovirus was isolated from stool samples of the child. Isolation of Sabin type 3 poliovirus can be expected in children and communities immunized with bivalent oral polio vaccine, which contains attenuated (weakened) type 1 and type 3 Sabin strains. Final laboratory analysis received today has confirmed that the AFP symptoms are not associated with wild or vaccine-derived poliovirus.

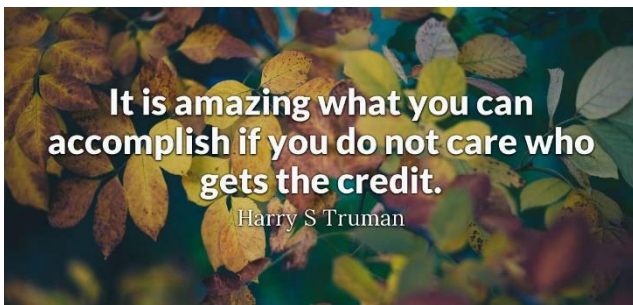
A number of conditions or infections can lead to AFP, poliovirus being just one of them. As part of global polio surveillance efforts, every year more than 100 000 AFP cases are detected and investigated worldwide. Clinical evaluation of the child is underway to determine the cause of the paralysis. The most important point is that the child should be provided with appropriate care and support.

While wild and vaccine-derived polio have both been ruled out as the cause of this child's symptoms, this area of Venezuela is experiencing vaccination coverage gaps. It is critical that countries maintain high immunity to polio in all communities, and strong disease surveillance, to minimise

the risk and consequences of any eventual poliovirus re-introduction or re-emergence.

The partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) – WHO, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Rotary International, UNICEF and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation – will continue to support national and local public health authorities in these efforts, together with the Pan American Health Organization, which serves as the Americas Regional Office of WHO.

## Thought for the Month



## What is a Paul Harris Fellow?

When USD1000 is contributed to The Rotary Foundation, a request can be made for an individual to be recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow; that person can be a Rotarian or a member of the community who is not a Rotarian.



When a person is recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow, they are presented with a certificate—signed by the Rotary International President and the Chairman of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation—and a lapel pin. A medallion is also available. The contribution to The Rotary Foundation can be made in one sum or by cumulative giving over a number of months or years. Individuals can make a personal contribution or the contribution can be from a club, a company or business.

### Some of the misconceptions or misunderstanding surrounding a Paul Harris Fellow are:

There is no such thing as a Paul Harris Fellowship, and it is not an award; it is simply recognition. When a Club contributes USD1000 to The Rotary Foundation, the Club sets its own criteria for naming a Paul Harris Fellow.

Usually this is done to recognise an outstanding commitment to the Club or the community.

A personal contribution of USD1000 and the subsequent recognition of a Paul Harris Fellow should be encouraged not criticised; it is a donation to The Rotary Foundation, Rotary's own charity and, therefore, every Rotarian's own charity.

Recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow was never intended to be an award and certainly is not Rotary International's highest award, although it is an honour to be named a Paul Harris Fellow.

Honorary Membership is the highest distinction that a Club may bestow on a Rotarian and should only be bestowed in exceptional cases for meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals and for support of the Rotary cause.

Club Presidents may also award one Avenues of Service Citation each year to a Club Rotarian.

The highest award an individual Rotarian can receive is the Service Above Self Award; only a maximum of 150 are awarded each year by the Board of Rotary International.

Being named a Paul Harris Fellow is not unique. There are over one million Paul Harris Fellows worldwide.

Every Rotarian should strive to be a Paul Harris Fellow because for each PHF named, we know that USD1000 has been donated to The Rotary Foundation. Similarly, for each sapphire or ruby added to a Rotarian's PHF pin, an additional USD1000 has been given to The Rotary Foundation. We should celebrate each of these milestones (and gem stones) for what they represent. That is, a gift to The Rotary Foundation and an opportunity to do even more good in the world through the Foundation.

### What about when my Club names me a Paul Harris Fellow? Or, adds a sapphire or ruby to my PHF pin?

Be very proud and honoured. In your name the Club has donated the sum of USD1000 (or more) to The Rotary Foundation.



The Club is honouring you in a very special way and you should be proud of that, however you are still encouraged to personally make contributions to the Foundation and it should not discourage others to make further contributions on your behalf to continue to support the programs of the Rotary Foundation.

Remember, a Paul Harris Fellow recognises an individual who contributes USD1000 to The Rotary Foundation or has that amount contributed in their name.

## What is the Paul Harris Society?



The Paul Harris Society recognises Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who contribute USD1000 or more each Rotary year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or approved Foundation grants. Its purpose is to identify, engage, and thank members who have the ability and desire to make substantial annual gifts to help communities around the world.

### How can I join the Paul Harris Society?

Contact District Paul Harris Society Coordinator Paul Street on 0412 122 781. Paul will assist you with your membership application.

### What is the difference between a Paul Harris Fellow and a Paul Harris Society member?

Anyone who cumulatively contributes USD1000 during any time period becomes a Paul Harris Fellow. A person can also be named a fellow if someone else uses 1000 Foundation recognition points to honour them as such. A member of the Paul Harris Society contributes at least USD1000 each year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or approved Foundation grants.

### Am I required to give USD1000 before becoming a Paul Harris Society member?

No, an immediate USD1000 contribution is not required at the time of enrolment. You can fulfil your Paul Harris Society commitment during the Rotary year, by a single payment, or by instalments.

New society members are presented a certificate and chevron at a district or club event in a way that is culturally appropriate and comfortable for the member. Paul Harris Society coordinators visit the club or district to honour new members themselves or make sure that another Rotary officer does so.

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### Rotary wins Best Non-Profit Act for its polio eradication work

*Ryan Hyland – Rotary International*

**Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio worldwide won Best Non-Profit Act in the Hero Awards of the One Billion Acts of Peace campaign, an international global citizens' movement to tackle the world's most important issues.**

The campaign is an initiative of PeaceJam Foundation and is led by 14 Nobel Peace Prize laureates, including the Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, and Rigoberta Menchú Tum, with the ambitious goal of inspiring a billion acts of peace by 2020.

Each year, the campaign picks two finalists in each of six categories for their work to make a measurable impact in one of the 10 areas considered most important by the Nobel laureates. Winners are chosen by people from around the world.

Rotary and Mercy Corps were the two finalists in the Best Non-Profit Act category.

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